

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
November 10, 2014
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Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2014 special meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Julia DeLapp, parent, Lynwood Road resident and volunteer on the Playground Committee, described the proposed community playground project as a place for families to come together. Ms. DeLapp thanked the Council for their support to date and asked for continued support.

Brian Coleman, Centre Street, expressed his concern with students voting on the sewer referendum and suggested referenda votes be held on a separate day. Mr. Coleman stated that he did not receive a CodeRed message regarding the election and expressed dismay that so few residents have signed up to receive CodeRed messages. Chad Rittenhouse, Little Lane resident and volunteer on the Playground Committee, thanked the Council for the Veterans Day commemoration prior to the meeting, and urged Council support for the proposed community playground.

Sheila Amdur, Separatist Road, stated she is delighted by the idea of an accessible playground and thanked the Council for their leadership on the Four Corners Sewer Project.

IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Assistant Town Manager Maria Capriola reviewed the announcements in the Town Manager's Report.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Moran requested an update on the next steps in the sewer project.

Mr. Ryan noted the passing of longtime Mansfield Middle School Social Studies teacher Bob Sampson.

Mayor Paterson reported on the wonderful Veterans Day event held at the Community Center earlier today. She thanked the volunteers and staff for their work noting that it is great to see people showing up to honor veterans from the community.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

No new items of business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mansfield Advocates for Children. Playground Committee Update
Parks and Recreation Director Curt Vincente and landscape architect Brian Kent of Kent and Frost Architects presented information on Mansfield Advocates for Children's plan for a community playground located near the Community Center.
2. Application to Intertown Capital Equipment Purchase Incentive (ICE) Program, Catch Basin Cleaner

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Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Marcellino seconded, effective November 10, 2014, to endorse the Town's participation in the Intertown Capital Equipment Purchase Incentive (ICE) Program provided in Connecticut General Statutes §4-66m. Such proposal is attached to and made a part of this record.
Motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Statements dated September 30, 2014
Chair of the Finance Committee Mr. Ryan moved, effective November 10, 2014, to accept the Financial Statements dated September 30, 2014.
Mr. Ryan noted the Finance Committee met and approved the financial statements. The Committee discussed the substantial increase in health claims and will be looking at possible actuarial explanations and solutions.
4. Town Council Meeting Schedule
Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective November 10, 2014 to adopt the Town Council Meeting Schedule for 2015, as presented by the Town Clerk.
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Ethics Code Provisions Applicability to Mansfield Board of Education Employees
Ms. Moran moved and Ms. Raymond seconded effective November 10, 2014 to refer the Ethics Board memorandum dated October 22, 2014 to the Personnel Committee for review, discussion and recommendations.
The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Wassmundt who was opposed.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the Committee received a progress report from Blum Shapiro regarding their review of financial controls. Additional information will be available following the December Finance Committee meeting.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments offered.

X. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. B. Coleman (10/27/14)
7. R. Moynihan (11/3/14)
8. A. Smith (10/27/14)
9. M. Hart re: University of Connecticut STEM Residence Hall
10. State of Connecticut Department of Correction re: Bergin Correctional Institution
11. Commercially Licensed Co-operative Kitchen, Inc.
12. Mansfield Minute – November 2014
13. Senior Sparks – November 2014

XI. FUTURE AGENDA

Ms. Moran reiterated her request for a workshop on the next steps in the sewer project.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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